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Hops n Drops to Open New Location in Milton, Washington on September 23rd

Bonney Lake, WA, September 3, 2024 – Hops n Drops, "A Neighborhood Gathering Place," is excited to announce the opening of its 22nd restaurant in Milton, Washington. This newest addition will be located in the Edgewood community, just off Milton Way, in Surprise Lake Square. The Milton location marks another milestone in Hops n Drops' ongoing expansion, adding to its 15 restaurants in Washington, 3 in Oregon, and 3 in Colorado. The company's most recent opening was in Vancouver, WA, on August 12th, 2024.

Hops n Drops is well-known for its unique and refreshing beverage menu, which features both classic and specialty cocktails, including real fruit icy drops served in a glass made of ice. The restaurant also boasts 16 drafts with iced beer taps, where beer is poured at a chilling 34°F. With several large television screens, Hops n Drops is a favorite spot for sports enthusiasts to gather and watch their favorite games.

The menu at Hops n Drops is casual, fun, and crafted with quality in mind. It includes a variety of hand-crafted appetizers and entrees, such as hand-formed 100% Angus beef burgers, gourmet sandwiches, festive macs, fresh salads, and fish tacos. Guests can also enjoy popular dishes like Alaskan cod fish & chips and French onion soup.

"We are excited about opening a Hops n Drops in Milton," said CEO Kevin Eggen. "This community is a great location for a restaurant that truly embodies the spirit of a 'neighborhood gathering place.' We are looking forward to being the spot where neighbors meet and connect. The demographics of this area closely match those of our highest-performing restaurants, and we believe Milton is an ideal fit for our concept."

Kevin also highlighted the company's commitment to local job creation, stating, "We are in the process of hiring approximately 100 employees for this location, including bartenders, servers, cocktail servers, sales support, and kitchen positions. We are also actively seeking managers. With our company's expansion plans, this is a great opportunity for individuals to grow with us."

The new Hops n Drops location will be approximately 4,500 square feet, similar to other locations, with seating for 185 guests inside and an additional 35 seats on the outdoor patio, weather permitting.

Hops n Drops Milton will officially open its doors on Monday, September 23rd, 2024, at 960 Meridian Ave E, Milton, WA 98354. For more information, please call (253) 433-0425.

Hops n Drops has received numerous awards, including the National Restaurant Association's "Good Neighbor" award and "Best Burger" honors from both the Reporter Newspapers and South Sound Magazine. Founder Mark Eggen was recognized with the Washington State SBA Entrepreneurial Success Award and was a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. In 2019, CEO Kevin Eggen was named one of the Puget Sound Business Journal's 40 under 40.

In addition to providing a welcoming environment for guests, Hops n Drops is dedicated to giving back to the community. Through its "Good Neighbor Fund," the company donates a percentage of sales from various promotions to support team members, guests, and neighbors in need. In 2023, Hops n Drops, along with support from guests and team members, raised and donated over \$64,630 to the fund. The company also launched the "Kids Feeding Kids" program in 2016, which donates 50 cents from every kid's meal sold to help feed underprivileged children. In 2023 alone, this initiative raised over \$125,800 for local school organizations.

Since 2009, Hops n Drops has donated \$1.8 million to local charities through the Kids Feeding Kids program, the Good Neighbor Fund, and other restaurant fundraisers.

Hops n Drops is open weekdays from 11 am to 11 pm, with a family-friendly Happy Hour offered in both the bar and dining room from 2:00-6:00 pm and 9:00 pm to close. On weekends, the restaurant serves breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Founded in Bonney Lake, WA in 2009 by Mark Eggen, Hops n Drops is now led by CEO Kevin Eggen, COO Tim Marion, and Vice President of Operations David Marshall. Josh Hollbrook is the Milton General Manager and Sean Hanson serves as the regional manager.

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